

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claim 20 has been added above. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Claims 1-19 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-4 and 13-19, classified in Class 704, Subclass 270.1;

Group II: Claims 7-9, classified in Class 370, Subclass 278;

Group III: Claims 10 and 11, classified in Class 455, Subclass 466; or

Group IV: Claim 12, classified in Class 455, Subclass 426.1.

In response, Applicant provisionally elects, without prejudice and with traverse, Group I, containing Claims 1-4, 13-19 and new Claim 20, for examination on the merits.

The restriction requirement of Group I, Group II, Group III and Group IV is respectfully traversed. Applicant traverses the restriction because it is believed that the present application, and the pending claims, may be divided into two groups, rather than four groups as indicated by the Examiner. Particularly, the invention suggests that the step of “transmitting reverse connect order” disclosed in Claim 7 Group II of the invention, as indicated by the Examiner as having separate utility, is equivalent to the step of transmitting a speech recognition/character display notification request message disclosed in Claims 1 and 4 of Group I. Accordingly, Groups I and II can be searched together. In addition, Applicant adds to the Group I a new dependent Claim 20, referring to Claim 4 of Group I and having the additional feature of receiving a predetermined key data from a keypad of a mobile phone, as originally disclosed in Claim 7 of Group II.

The Examiner indicated that a difference between Groups III and IV is in a paging system transmitting short messages. Accordingly, it is believed that Groups III and IV can be classified into one group by amending Claim 12 as indicated above, so that Groups III and IV relate to the same subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully proposed that Groups I and II above can be classified into one group and Groups III and IV can be classified into a second group. No benefit is derived from maintaining the four group restriction requirement and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement into four groups is respectfully requested. As the M.P.E.P states, separate classification is not sufficient if the entire case can be searched at once without serious burden, and it is respectfully submitted that withdrawal of the four group Restriction Requirement is warranted, and reclassification of the restriction into two groups is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner agree with this proposed grouping of claims, Applicant will elect claims of Groups I and II, that is Claims 1-4, 7-9, 13-19 and new Claim 20. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected claims of Groups III and IV, that is, original Claims 10-12.

Also, though asserting that a difference between Groups I and III is in that the Group III relates to a short messaging service, and that a difference between Groups I and IV is in that the Group IV has separate utility such as in a voice recognition apparatus for a mobile telecommunication system itself where, furthermore, a controller provides overall control and transmits a speech recognition notification request message to a base station, the Examiner clearly states that the Groups I to IV can be rejoined if Claims 4-6 are allowed, because Claims 4-6 link Groups I to IV.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-20, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below. Early and favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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